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Hundreds Attend Fourth Pennsauken Job Fair



Over two hundred job seekers attended this year's Pennsauken Job Fair, once again held at Living Faith Christian Center.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

On Sept. 27, hundreds of people flowed in and out of Living Faith Christian Center for Pennsauken's fourth annual job fair. The many qualified applicants who attended impressed the over two dozen local companies who were actively looking to hire.

"Many of the companies participating in the job fair expressed how impressed they were with the number of quality candidates they spoke with last month," explains Larry Cardwell, a member of Pennsauken Township's Economic Development Department.

Waves of job applicants moved through one of the meeting halls at Living Faith Christian Center, speaking with companies like Accu Staffing Services, a full service local staffing company, as well as a local Tupperware distributor, who was looking for new sales reps.

"The job fair was a perfect example of our municipal government, community organizations, and local businesses working together for the good of our residents,"

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Pennsauken Events Kick-Off Holidays, Season Of Giving

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

It's that most wonderful time of the year: the start of the holiday season. Pennsauken Township truly embraces the holidays with events that not only provide the perfect opportunity to come together as a community, but also to remind residents about the importance of giving back. From holiday parades to angel trees, there's something happening in Pennsauken that's sure to get you into the holiday spirit.

Marching Into The Holidays With A Parade

Pennsauken's 37th annual Holiday Parade will kick off at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25. Sponsored by Pennsauken Township and the Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce, the parade is filled with fire engines, holiday-themed floats, and musical entertainment. This annual favorite for the young and the young at heart runs along Westfield Ave., begin-



The arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus during Pennsauken's annual Holiday Parade, held this year on Saturday, Nov. 25, helps to officially kick off this special time of year.

ning at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Facility and ending at 44th St.

"Our annual holiday parade is a wonderful Pennsauken tradition celebrated over three decades," says Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride. "This parade is the perfect opportunity for our residents to

come together as a community and celebrate the season of giving."

Local businesses and organizations, like FOP Garden State Lodge #3, who made a \$500 donation, have provided financial support to help make the parade possible.

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Bergey's Truck Centers Hold Grand Opening

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor



Last month, Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride and Deputy Mayor Jack Killion received a tour of the new Bergey's Truck Centers on Rt. 130 as part of the facility's grand opening.

On Oct. 19, Bergey's Truck Centers held a grand opening ceremony of their new, state-of-the-art facility at 7255 North Crescent Blvd. Invited by Mark Bergey, president of Bergey's Truck Centers, Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride and Deputy Mayor Jack Killion were given a tour of the over 54,000-square-foot facility.

"This is fantastic. This is a big boost to our town," says Deputy Mayor Killion. "We're honored to have Bergey's Truck Centers

here in Pennsauken. We've had a major growth spurt for businesses in our community. We want to see it continue. It helps our tax base."

"It's amazing what they've done here, overhauling what was once a vacant property," adds Mayor Betsy McBride. "This building helps Bergey's Truck Centers better serve their customers in South Jersey. For our town, this means an increase in rates and employment opportunities for Pennsauken residents."

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Browning Road Senior Club

The Browning Road Senior Club invites local seniors to come and meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. Meetings are held at Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 Route 130, Pennsauken at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments are served; there will be a short meeting followed by BINGO. For more information, call Pat at (609) 790-6760.

Fall Fair

Grace Episcopal Church, 7 E. Maple Ave., Merchantville, is holding a fall fair on Saturday, Nov. 4, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Featuring crafters, baked goods, deli table, Santa's secret shop, train display, and more. For more information, contact Norma Bush at (856) 630-0724.

Pasta Dinner

Mary, Queen of all Saints Parish is holding its annual pasta night on Saturday, Nov. 4, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., at Saint Cecilia's Parish Hall, 49th St. and Camden Ave. Dinner consists of meatballs, sausage, pasta, beverage, salad, dessert and a complimentary glass of wine. There will also be entertainment. Tickets are \$13.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12; children under 5 are free. BYOB and takeout are available. For tickets or further information, call (856) 662-2721.

Game Day Hoagie Sale

AMVETS Post 101 Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a hoagie sale on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 519 June Rd. in Delair. The sale begins at 11:00 a.m. until all hoagies are gone. American, tuna, and turkey hoagies are available for just \$5 a piece. For more information, call (856) 663-8950.

PASA

Please join the Pennsauken Alliance on Substance Abuse (PASA) as they

work to educate the community about ways to stop abuse of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. The organization's next meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 7:00 p.m., at Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 North Route 130, Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

Town Watch

Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts its next meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m., at the Pennsauken Police Department, Second Floor. Come learn how to make our community safer. For more information, call (856) 488-0080 ext. 2417.

American Legion

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 will meet on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7:00 p.m. These monthly meetings are held at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. in Merchantville. All veterans who served during qualifying conflicts are welcome to join. The Post now has an Auxiliary Unit which meets at 6:00 p.m., prior to the Post meeting. Any ladies who are the spouse or the daughter of a veteran are welcome to join.

Basket Auction

Athene Chapter #201 O.E.S. of New Jersey is hosting a basket auction Saturday, Nov. 11, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Merchantville Masonic Lodge, 6926 Park Ave., Pennsauken. Dessert buffet included. Donations are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. For more information, call Eva at (856) 662-2118.

AARP

Pennsauken AARP Chapter 2861 will be meeting on Monday, Nov. 13, at the PYAA Field House on Elm Ave. Meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. Members are also reminded about the upcoming holiday luncheon, held on Monday, Dec. 9 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Country Club. For more information, con-

tact Erlinda at (856) 488-5282.

Animal Hospital Open House

Pennsauken Animal Hospital, 6717 N. Crescent Blvd., is hosting an open house on Saturday, Nov. 18 to showcase their renovations and equipment upgrades. Held from noon to 4:00 p.m., there will be hospital tours, an opportunity to talk with Dr. Torre, adoptable pets, games and prizes, a petting zoo, and more. For additional information, visit www.facebook.com/events/1962345017377728/.

Turkey Drop

The Food Bank of South Jersey is ask-

ing area residents to help a family in need by hosting the holiday meal they weren't planning to have by dropping off a frozen turkey at the FBSJ headquarters, located at 1501 John Tipton Blvd., Pennsauken, on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Add the essential fixings for a superb feast, such as canned cranberry sauce, boxed stuffing mix, or mashed potato mix, to your donation to create a charitable meal that any family will feel truly "thankful" to eat.

Donor Match Drive

A donor match drive to help battle life-threatening blood cancers will be held on

Thursday, Dec. 14, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd. Match donors are identified through a simple cheek swab procedure. Statistics indicate that a majority of individuals suffering from blood cancer do not have a blood or bone marrow match with a family member and therefore require a non-family member to donate. The event is sponsored through Be The Match,[®] an organization operated by the National Marrow Donor Program[®] that helps patients find their life-saving donors and provide support throughout the transplant process.

On The Job

Helping to connect Pennsauken residents with local companies looking to hire.

Bayada Home Health Care in Pennsauken is looking for certified home health aides and perspective applicants interested in becoming certified aides with Bayada. Please contact Marcia Stanford at (856) 663-1622 or mstanford@bayada.com.

Edison Retail Solutions in Pennsauken has full time positions available: customer service representatives, die cutter operator, mounting operator, planner commercial print kitting fulfillment, forklift operators and material handlers. Contact (630) 338-9655 or e-mail applications or resumes to hr@edisonlitho.com.

Simmons Foods is a leading supplier of poultry, pet and ingredient products and is the largest supplier of store brand wet pet food in North America. Their Pennsauken location has a dozen open positions, from apprentice technician to warehouse forklift driver. For more information, visit simmonsfoods.com/careers.

Inserts East, a leading commercial printer located in Pennsauken, is seeking candidates for a junior printing role, which assists in a wide range of production activities. The press assistant will remove bundles from the press, count bundles placed on skids and perform tasks such as cleaning or changing press equipment for a new run. Day and night shifts are available. If interested please email hr1@insertseast.com or pick up application at 7045 Central Highway, Pennsauken, NJ.

SolidSurface Designs in Pennsauken is currently looking for experienced countertop installers, helpers, stone fabricators and stone polishers. Please contact Joe at (856) 910-7720 or email at joe@ssdtops.com.

ACCU Staffing Services in Pennsauken is now hiring Warehouse/Production Workers in the Camden County area. Long-term positions with room for growth available! For more information, call (856) 662-2727, e-mail Pennsauken@accustaffing.com or visit 6000 Rte. 38 East Pennsauken, NJ 08109 to apply on-the-spot!

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Pepsi Cola and Canada Dry in Pennsauken is hiring merchandisers for Pepsi and CDL-A drivers for Canada Dry. To apply, please fax your resume to (856)661-4684, email it to HRPennsauken@hongrp.com, or stop by the following location to drop one off or complete an application: 8191 N Crescent Blvd, Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

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MAYOR'S CORNER I Give Thanks For Pennsauken



By Betsy McBride,
Mayor of
Pennsauken
Township

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. It's a time when I remember those whose lives have blessed mine. It's a time to gather and offer thanks. I give thanks, Pennsauken.

I'm thankful for all the families who came out to last month's Harvest Festival. It truly was a celebration of heritage, arts, and community. I want to thank all the volunteers, but especially my committee. We were small, but strong. And yes, I did ride the mechanical bull. And yes, I did fall off!

I want to thank our Pennsauken firefighters for always showing up. They co-sponsored the festival and shared their

chili, their knowledge, and their skill. Not only this, but they keep us safe all year long. They are the best!

While I'm at it, I want to thank our men and women in blue who protect and serve. I am thankful I was able to stand with them and welcome the many members of the local community who came to support them through the "Back the Blue" Jeep Event last month.

I want to thank the municipal employees who bring us all kinds of events each year. Residents enjoy activities sponsored by their town and our team does a great job in Pennsauken.

I am thankful for Pennsauken itself. This town has great bones and great potential. We have a waterfront that can still be transformed; we have Cooper River Park and many revitalized recreation areas. We have unique neighborhoods and housing styles. I admit, some areas

are in need of improvement. The recession hurt our municipality and many homes were foreclosed on. We tackled the problem; and through outside partnerships and streamlined Township processes, 500 vacant homes have been sold in 16 months. I am thankful for the employees who work hard to support us all in these areas and for the penny pinchers who keep us financially secure.

I am so thankful and excited that so many new businesses are choosing Pennsauken. Right now, we have a dialysis company and an urgent care facility coming to town and renovating empty buildings on Route 130.

I look forward to enjoying this year's holiday events with you. Kids love parades. They also love being in parades! Please consider having your group participate in our Holiday Parade this year, held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Then come out with the kids and grands to our tree lighting and food truck event on Nov. 30. After that, line Browning Rd. for our new "Parade of Lights" on Dec. 15.

Yes, I am thankful. Yes, I'm excited.

And when I count my blessings, I count my ability to serve Pennsauken. I thank my colleagues on Committee and all of you, our residents, whose experience, ideas and feedback have helped me serve Pennsauken better.

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Pennsauken – REDUCED!

Great Opportunity! This Large Triplex has everything it needs to live on one unit and rent out the other two. All units washer, dryer, refrigerators. All units have separate heaters, hot water heaters and electrical panels. Roof 15 yrs. Water \$590 yr, Sewer \$600 yr, CCMUA \$1585 yr. The lower level, 2 bdrm unit has Central A/C and a gas fireplace. 3 car detached garage with electricity and ample parking for all tenants. Close to bus stop. Walking distance to Merchantville shopping. \$229,900



Pennsauken – REDUCED!

Pride of Ownership shows in this very well maintained Bloomfield Split featuring large formal Living Room And Dining Room which are great for entertaining, Three spacious bedrooms with ample closet space, and a cozy Family Room with sliders leading to the fenced in back yard. Yard features a nice covered patio, shed, and gazebo. Nothing to do here but move in and enjoy. \$184,900



Pennsauken – Down Sizing?

This Rancher features a 20X12 Living/Great Room, 13X12 Dining room, Kitchen with Nook Bar, Two Bedrooms and a main floor 23X12 Bonus room. There is a full 22X18 basement. New roof, new hot water heater and replacement windows! All on a 80X137 Lot for \$134,900.



Mickelton – An Investor's Delight!

This home is waiting for a little TLC. This Rancher features 3 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms & nice size eat in kitchen. Home being sold "As Is" 134,900



Pennsauken – Close to Everything!

Just listed on Bethel Ave! This two story three bedroom colonial features beautiful hardwood floors, brand new carpet in the master bedroom, spacious formal living room, formal dining room, eat in kitchen, three season room, full basement, gas heat and central air. The Township C/O and Smoke Cert is completed so a quick closing is available. The home is also close to public transportation, downtown Historic Merchantville, the Cherry Hill Mall and the Pennsauken Country Club. Make your appointment today! \$165,000



Lacey Twp. – Move In Condition!

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Pennsauken – Avignon

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WAGSWORLD

The Importance Of A Columnist To Maintain Journalistic Integrity

By Bob Wagner,
AAP Columnist

Over the last year, I have been spreading the word to readers, and anyone who might listen, about my search for old chisels. I had hoped that someone with a basement tool box full of great grandpop's old gouges would let me get my paws on them, so I could expand my mania for carving faces on big, old, dead trees. Up until recently, I have found only one! And the one I did find wasn't all that good, but the curved blade gave me hope I could find more. Then my friend, Mr. Mike, met me out on the street shopping at yard sales, and my luck changed.

I have known Mr. Mike for ages, and utilized his keen skills with small engines and other implements of lawn and garden destruction for years. I have also shared interests with Mr. Mike about fishing, Jeeps, wood carving, and old tools. So I harbored a small grudge a while back when Mr. Mike showed me a huge collection of wood carving utensils he found on eBay. Not only did he now have way more tools than I, they

were old and beautiful, and I couldn't get my grubby hands upon them. He did mention, as I was preparing to leave, that somewhere in the depths of his basement, he had a big box full of old, honkin' big chisels. And, he added, he just might let me acquire some.

So we met in the street during Merchantville's town-wide yard sale. I was a bit bummed out, not having any luck on my chisel search, 'til Mike told me he had finally located that big box of old tools. He suggested I pop in during the week, and see what he had. I tried to keep my poker face on, so as not to drive up the prices during the negotiating process, but I suppose the little dance steps that broke out spoiled my exit.

Fast forward a week, and I'm sitting outside in Mr. Mike's back yard, picking out the six or seven most useful tools I might need. It took a while, but I finally fought off trying to grab everything, and settled on a good handful of tools.

As the negotiation process kicked into high gear, the sparring started in

earnest. I mumbled incoherently. Mr. Mike brought Mrs. Mike into the discussion, I'm guessing to distract me with her lovely feminine wiles. I suggested a shopping trip to my famous garage, overflowing with even more junk than Mr. Mike possesses now. Then Mr. Mike dropped a subtle hint. He said "in all the years we have known each other, you have never mentioned me in your column."

My brain froze! We parted company, me clutching my new found collection of old tools, Mr. Mike holding a promise of future visits to my shop, or something akin to compensation at a later date.

At home, after derusting, cleaning, and using my chisels on a happy, big tree stump in Merchantville, I am oiling my new, old tools. All this while debating the ethics involved with journalistic endeavors. I'm not sure that writing about Mr. Mike, his lovely wife, his skills with lawn cutting implements, his new, old red Jeep, or his wood carving skills, just to get a deal on my chisels, is ethical. In fact, I'm pretty sure it is not. I could look it up, I suppose.

Or I could ask the bride, since we are talking again. And Jones, or the girly girls, is always good as a sounding board. But no, I decide, I will trust my gut feeling. It just wouldn't be right to profit in any form from this holiest of endeavors as a columnist. I must strive to rise above the common temptations, and avoid the conflicts so attached. As I watch the bride proofread this, I look closely for a smile or eye movement, as future columns may demand further explanations.

It is decided! I won't mention Mr. Mike in my column until we have decided on fair compensation. Wish me luck, and guard your tree stumps with your life. I'm looking!

PENNSAUKEN NOVEMBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

Township Committee
5:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 1
and Monday, November 13

Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 1
and Monday, November 13

Planning Board
6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 9
and Tuesday, November 28

Meetings are open to the public
and are held at the
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and Merchantville Avenue)

Keep Fire Safety In Mind This Thanksgiving

From the Pennsauken-Collingswood
Fire Prevention & Inspection Bureau

Thanksgiving is a time for coming together with family and friends to celebrate all of the things we can be thankful for. It's also the leading day for home fires involving cooking equipment. According to the National Fire Protection Association, you're three times as likely to have a home fire in the kitchen on Thanksgiving than any other day of the year!

Here are some helpful tips to make sure that both your food – and your property – don't get burnt this holiday.

- Keep an eye on cooking food – unattended cooking is a contributing factor to 34 percent of all home fires; also be sure to keep things that can catch fire away from the cooking area
- Watch the range – ranges or cook tops account for almost three out of five reported home fires; ovens account for 16 percent
- Don't fry that turkey – turkey fryers pose a significant danger, causing serious burns and fires; if you really want that fried turkey, leave it to the profes-

sionals

- If there is a fire, don't try to fight it yourself – more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when victims tried to fight the fire themselves; call 9-1-1 immediately
- By keeping these important tips in mind, you can keep your loved ones and home safe not just during the holidays, but all year round.

The information in this article was provided by the National Fire Protection Association. For more on fire safety, be sure to visit www.nfpa.org.

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“Back The Blue” Jeep Ride Thanks Area Police Officers

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

On a rainy Saturday in October, members of the Jeep community came together in a show of support to local law enforcement. The “Back The Blue” Jeep Ride saw approximately 70 jeep owners travel to police stations in several communities to thank officers for their dedicated service.

“The weather didn’t cooperate as much as it did last year, but we still have about 70 jeeps here,” says Ann Marie McCusker, the organizer of the “Back the Blue” Jeep Ride. “These men and women in blue need our support as much as possible. All we’re doing is coming out, shaking their

hands, and thanking them for what they do every day.”

Departing from the Cherry Hill Mall, the Jeep caravan first traveled to the Cherry Hill Police Department on Mercer St.; from there, community members followed a police escort to the Township’s police department, where they were greeted by members of Pennsauken and Merchantville’s police, as well as Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride, and Deputy Mayor Jack Killion. Officers treated the Jeep owners to coffee, bottled water, and pastries as a way of saying, “thank you” before the drivers departed to the Collingswood Police Station, where officers from Had-

don Township, Oaklyn, and Woodlynne were also in attendance.

“We wanted to thank Ann Marie for putting this together. We appreciate everything you do,” says Officer Mike Killion of the Pennsauken Police Department. “With today’s trying times, this means a lot to the police officers that are here every day putting our lives on the line.”

A special thank you was also offered to Chief Palumbo and the Pennsauken Township Fire Department, for their display of a giant flag outside the police station for the event; as well as to the Pennsauken Centurions Motorcycle Club, who also helped to escort the Jeep riders throughout the day.



As part of the “Back the Blue” Jeep Ride, members of the Jeep community came together in a show of support to local law enforcement.

Share Your Good Fortune To Help Those In Need

By Mary Anne McFarland

The Scouts of Pennsauken will be collecting non-perishable food items as they walk in the 37th annual Pennsauken Holiday Parade, held along Westfield Ave. on Saturday, Nov. 25 at 11:00 a.m. Not only will they be collecting food products for distribution at local food pantries, the Scouts will be collecting food and other items for Almost Home Animal Shelter in Pennsauken. If you have old towels, unused kitty litter, toys, or other such items you no longer need, please bring them to the parade and give to one of the Scouts as they pass by. Your generosity will help the animals waiting for their forever homes at the Almost Home Shelter. The non-perishable food items and canned goods collected will be donated to the food pantry at both Martin Luther Chapel on Rt. 130 and Terrace Ave., where the Cub Scouts hold their den and pack meetings; and St. Peter Roman Catholic Church in Merchantville, the Pack’s charter organization.

It hasn’t been all work and no play for the Cubs at Pack 116. In September, they participated in the Pennsauken Car, Bike, and Craft Show; they also went camping down at Pine Hill Scout Reservation in Berlin, N.J. A family event, the boys, their parents and siblings, all enjoyed a crisp fall weekend exploring the camp, fishing at the lake, eating terrific camp fare, and enjoying the campfire at night. The Cub Scouts also participated

in the fourth annual Pennsauken Harvest Fest in October and attended Cub Fun Day at Pine Hill, where they got to fish, shoot BBs, try their hand at archery, made crafts, and enjoyed a hay ride.

Pack 116 is still welcoming new members. If you want your son, ages 5 through 10, to participate in Cub Scouting, come out to the meetings on the first and third Friday’s at Martin Luther School, located at Rt. 130 and Terrace Ave. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and run until 8:00-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (856) 313-7751. You can also check out the Cub Scouts at www.facebook.com/cubscouts116/.



Cub Scout Pack 116 has been attending public events throughout Pennsauken, collecting items for people and animals in need. Look for the Scouts in the 37th annual Pennsauken Holiday Parade on Nov. 25.

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Pennsauken's Riverfront Village Receives Housing Revitalization Award

The Riverfront Village at Pennsauken was one of four real estate development projects honored with Governor's Excellence in Housing and Economic Development Awards at the 2017 Annual Governor's Conference on Housing and Economic Development.

"Development of housing for individuals with special needs has been a priority for the Administration," said Charles A. Richman, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA). "There are many sites across the state that offer creative developers a blank canvas to address this issue." DCA is one of the hosts of the Governor's Conference.

The Riverfront Village at Pennsauken received the Housing Revitalization Award, as a project that demonstrated the revitalization or redevelopment of distressed or blighted neighborhoods while including an affordable or work-

force housing component.

"Riverfront Village is incredibly beautiful with wonderful attention to detail," says Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride, who accepted the award. "It is an opportunity for those who live in workforce housing to have a great view of the Delaware River and Philadelphia, while having amazing access to public transportation via the Pennsauken Transit Center."

The Riverfront Village at Pennsauken involves the transformation of the formerly vacant Acme site on River Rd., abandoned for nearly 25 years, into an affordable family housing development. The project includes 75 affordable family units in eight buildings, with five set aside for homeless veterans. Riverfront Village is immediately adjacent to a stop on the light rail River Line linking Camden to Trenton, as well as a bus station with connections to other transit links, giving working residents easy access to regional

employment centers. The development is part of Pennsauken's Waterfront Master Plan, which outlines the municipality's vision for the area's redevelopment. The project partners are Conifer Realty, LLC, Kitchen & Associates, Pennsauken Township, Camden County Improvement Authority and Camden County Housing Association.

"These awards celebrate some of the best examples of quality affordable housing, supportive housing and public-private partnerships that have been placed in service throughout New Jersey over the last two and a half years," said New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency Executive Director Anthony L. Marchetta. "These projects embody the respective missions of our agencies to provide quality affordable housing opportunities, create and retain jobs, and improve the quality of life for all New Jerseyans."



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Pennsauken Residents, Organizations Honored At Freeholder Meeting

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

During October's Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting at the Camden County Boathouse, several Pennsauken residents and organizations were recognized for their service to the community.

After Pennsauken resident Stephanie Peters led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the national anthem by Pennsauken High School's Katie Brust, the Freeholders recognized two individuals for their work in the community. Adrian Casey,

recipient of the county's Community Award, is a lifelong Pennsauken resident and the purchasing agent for the Township. Casey was the primary force in putting together the popular Pennsauken "Bite Night" food truck events and was also heavily involved in the planning of the Township's 125th anniversary celebrations. As she received the award, a very thankful Adrian stated she enjoys putting events together for the benefit of her fellow residents. Maureen Dymond, a senior at Camden Catholic High School, was recognized with the Young Community Leader Award.

In addition to being part of the school's National Honors Society; the Link Crew, a program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable during their first year of school; Irish Synergy, a group that teaches young girls leadership skills for use in the classroom, on the field, or on the stage; and serving as president of the Latin Honor Society, Dymond volunteers with the

town's Department of Parks and Recreation and is a counselor with Merchantville's Parks and Playgrounds Department.

Two local groups were also recognized. The County gave a donation to the Pennsauken Firefighters Association, a non-profit charitable organization that supports the efforts of Pennsauken Township firefighters, as well as community and civic organizations in Camden County. Through the efforts of the four volunteer fire companies and two labor organizations, the Pennsauken Firefighters Association supports organizations such as the Camden County Hero Scholarship, the Pennsauken Lion's Club, the American Red Cross, and the Boy Scouts of America Exploring program.

The Green Team at Howard M. Phifer Middle School was recognized as the Camden County Sustainable Champions for October. Founded last year, Phifer's Green Team has students taking the lead on a variety of sustainability initiatives, including the creation of an environmentally responsible vegetable garden and various projects embracing the theme of "reduce, reuse, recycle."

"[Pennsauken does] such an outstanding job in everything from economic development to public safety," says Louis

Cappelli, Jr., Freeholder director. "We're very proud to call this governing body our partners in government."



During the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting at the Camden County Boathouse last month, Pennsauken received over \$90,000 as part of the Township's Community Development Block Grant, to be used for the Township's Lend-A-Hand program that helps low income homeowners with home improvements.

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Poster Contest Winners Honored At PMAC Luncheon

The top three place winners of the Pennsauken Holiday Parade Poster Contest will be honored at the upcoming Pennsauken-Mer-

chantville Area Chamber of Commerce (P.M.A.C.) networking luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at Marco's at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd.

Pennsauken students in grades 5 through 12 were asked to submit artwork based on the theme, "Let It Snow." Entrees were judged by the P.M.A.C. planning committee. The first,

second, and third place winners have been invited with their parents or guardians and teachers to the luncheon for special recognition; they will also receive awards and prizes from our local businesses and be invited to ride in the Pennsauken Township Holiday Parade on Saturday, Nov. 25. In addition, the poster of the first place winner will be used on all parade announcements.

"Year after year we receive some

great submissions from students," says Ann Marie McCusker, president of P.M.A.C. "These talented young artists really capture the spirit of the holidays in their work."

Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 8, with the meeting starting at noon. Admission is \$20 per person. Attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. to Nancy Ellis at (856) 438-0833 or pmaclteam@gmail.com by Monday, Nov. 6.

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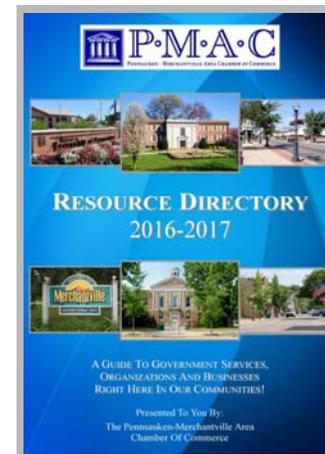
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WinterFest Returns To Cooper River Park

Back by popular demand, WinterFest Ice Skating, sponsored by the Camden County Board of Freeholders, returns to Cooper River Park in Pennsauken for three months of fun. The park is transformed into a winter wonderland, creating an experience the entire family can enjoy.

WinterFest features an ice skating rink, heated tents, food and drink vendors, holiday entertainment, and more. Opening ceremonies begin on Black Friday, Nov. 24, and continue through Thanksgiving weekend; the rink will remain open for the season through Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

For more information, visit SkateWinterFest.com.



WinterFest Ice Skating at Cooper River Park returns for another season of fun on Friday, Nov. 24.

Parade Of Lights To Be Held On December 15

Mark your calendars! An evening of lights, local heroes, and a visit from Santa is coming to Pennsauken.

The Township's first-ever Parade of Lights will be held on Friday, Dec. 15 at 7:00 p.m. Fire trucks and emergency service vehicles will be decorated with bright lights and festive decorations as they ride along Browning Rd. from Witherspoon to Maple Ave. In addition, Santa Claus is sure to make an appearance, riding a fire engine at the end of the

parade, which should take roughly an hour from start to finish.

"This has all the makings of a great holiday event," says Bill Orth, Pennsauken Township Committee. "We hope that the entire Pennsauken community joins us for this special holiday celebration in the Bloomfield section of town."

More information on this event will be available at the Township website, twp.pennsauken.nj.us, closer to the holidays.

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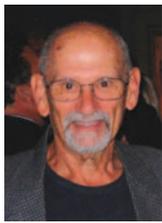
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DEATH NOTICES Longtime Pennsauken Natives

David L. Frost, 83, of Brigantine, formerly of Pennsauken, passed away peacefully on October 13, 2017. Born in Camden, N.J., Dave dedicated over 40 years to the Camden School System, serving as a teacher, guidance counselor and, lastly, an administrator. He is predeceased by his beloved wife of 56 years, Connie (nee Cambern), whom he met in Texas while serving in the United States Air Force in 1956.

Dave was a devoted father to Todd Frost (Linda), Le Ann Frost (Julie Woodward), Kevin Frost and the late Micki Hutton; a doting grandfather to Jamie Zaremba (Thomas Jr.), Brittany



Frost

Patterson (Ryan), Jonathan Hutton (Jaclyn Singer), Paige Frost, Kelsey Santiago (Stephen), Joseph Hutton and the late James David Hutton; cherished great-grandfather to Thomas Zaremba, III and Micki Zaremba. He is also survived by companion, Lois Betts, son-in-law, James Hutton (Cathy), and many loving nieces, nephews and friends, as well as eight adoring grand-pups.

Frost's life celebration was held at Ramblewood Country Club, Mount Laurel, on Oct. 21. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to The Foundation for Pets, c/o Le Ann Frost, 2620 Cooper Avenue, Pennsauken, New Jersey 08109 and/or the James David Hutton Memorial Fund, c/o Linda Frost, 219 Mallard Lane, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey 08232.

Anthony Marchione, Jr.

Anthony Marchione, Jr., 39, of Pennsauken, passed away on September 20, 2017. Anthony's loving spirit peacefully left us, and was greeted by eternal wife, Amber Blue Marchione (nee Reith) and his loving father, Anthony, Sr., in heaven.

Anthony was a graduate from Pennsauken High, an artist, a profound skateboarder, and worked as a union tile layer.

He was survived by his wonderful son Zachary; his loving mother, Catherine Ann Marchione (nee Beatty), his caring mother-in-law Brenda Reith, his older sister, Lisa Smith (James) and their son JB; his younger sister, Denise Sinclair (Chris), and his four nieces, Sabrina, Jeannine, Kaitlyn, and Emily; and his youngest sister, Kristine Robinson (Michael), and their two children, Warren and Audrey.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Oct. 21 at St. Joan of Arc, Marlton, N.J. In lieu of flowers, the family requests for the well being and education of his son, Zachary, donations be made to: GoFundMe.com and enter search name: Lisa Smith, Sauteed Nacoochee, Ga.



Marchione, Jr.

Claudette P. Surette

Claudette P. Surette, age 81 of Pennsauken (nee Sentman), passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family on September 6, 2017.

Claudette was the beloved wife of Geoffrey C. for 57 years; devoted mother of Deborah Surette (Frank Hughes), Tracey Howarth and Geoffrey Surette (Donna); loving grandmother of Hillary, Jacquelyn, Richard, Geoffrey, and Nicholas; and dear sister of Warren Sentman. She is also survived by niece, Sandra Walters; and nephews, William and Mitchell Sentman.

Prior to retirement, Claudette was employed as a teacher's aide for the Pennsauken School District at Fine Elementary School for 13 years. She enjoyed traveling and had a passion for baking and reading. Most of all she loved spending time with family, especially her grandchildren.

Her visitation and funeral were held at Falco/Caruso & Leonard Pennsauken Funeral Home. Entombment followed at Arlington Cemetery in Pennsauken. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1851 Old Cuthbert Rd Cherry Hill, N.J. 08034.



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By Sonny DiSabato, Senior Citizen Coordinator

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Another Year Almost Done, And So Much To Be Thankful For

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

Thursday, Nov. 23... just a wee bit more than three weeks from now and it's Thanksgiving Day.

Another year has almost come and gone; but before it does, we hopefully get to take a breather, to give thanks for all that we have, all that we did have, and all that we will have.

If you're planning a huge bash at mom and dad's house, a nice little dinner at grandma's, spending the holiday with a friend or even if you're all by yourself on that Thursday, the important thing is to be grateful and to remember all of the wonderful things in life that you have experienced, to embrace the future of more of those joyful moments, and live in a present filled with hope.

You know, I think much of my deeper moments, the ones that occasionally breeze through my head, are due to the life-job I have chosen. As a writer who gets to travel with her books, as a person who has friends from every continent, and many who come to visit me right here in our home in Pennsauken, I see things not only through my own eyes, I see things through theirs.

My dear friend, Irene Draper of beautiful Bourne-mouth, England, stayed here for a three-week visit. We trekked through the southland of America with my other dear friend, and bestest road pal, Pennsauken's own Bobbie Bechtel.

While here, Irene went with me to place the flags on our 9/11 Memorial and visited throughout our charming little community, from the wonderful folk at McFarland's Market to the delightful people at The Penn Queen Diner and everything in-between.

Irene journeyed through nine of our states when she was here; and in each of those states, she was amazed at how friendly we are as a people, how compassionate, how generous, how willing we are to help with directions or a flat tire, and how we Americans are interested in where people come from, who they are, and what they do. In essence, we're really

a pretty nice bunch of people.

When I visit Germany, and I have since 1969, when I lived there for eight and a half years, I often hear, "Oh! I've been to: New Jersey... Philly... California... Texas... etc..." And these lovely individuals tell me happy stories of their own stay, the people they're still in contact with from their adventure to America, and, like Irene, they always say what wonderful people we are; how kind, helpful, compassionate, and friendly we are; and how thankful they are that they saved up enough money to visit not only such a beautiful country, but one that is filled with such beautiful people.

Now here's how it goes. We really ARE a pretty nice bunch of people, but we also miss a whole lotta' stuff that's right in front of us. And, we have a tendency to expect things now and then and to – on occasion – take the good for granted. That doesn't leave a whole lot of room for thankfulness or realizing that in all of our chaos we really ARE the nice bunch of people that others so easily see.

Now is the time to remember that. Be the best you can be. And own it. Feel the best energy you can muster up. And really feel it.

Oh, I know some days you wouldn't feel like smiling for a hundred bucks, but... smile anyway. Your feelings will catch up to your face sooner or later.

Remember to extend the hand of kindness to yourself as well as others. That's not selfish, it's a necessity.

And always find the time to enjoy the caterpillar as much as the butterfly.

As for me personally, I am grateful for all of you... my readers, readers who have become friends and my friends who have become family. You are my 365-day Thanksgiving – no turkey and stuffing required. I'm truly thankful for your caring and your support. More than you'll ever know.

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~Judy

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Teachers Recognize Students For Positive Core Values



At October's Board of Education meeting, students throughout the Pennsauken School District were honored by teachers and educators for exhibiting positive behavior based on core values such as commitment, courage, integrity and more. For the photos of all the students, visit www.facebook.com/PennsaukenSchools/.

Each month, teachers from 10 of the 11 schools throughout the Pennsauken School District will select a student to be honored at the monthly Board of Education meetings. Recognized through the "Teachers' Choice Awards," these students show one or more of the following "Medal of Honor" core values: commitment, courage, integrity, patriotism, citizenship, or sacrifice. The teacher or educator who awards each student will write a short paragraph explaining why they were chosen and how they exhibited these core values. Students are presented with a superhero pen and their parent/guardian will be presented with a bouquet of flowers. All funding for this program is provided through PRIDE in Public Edu-

cation, and the Pennsauken Education Association.

This initiative is based on the work done by the Freedoms Foundation, an organization that offers a wide range of educational programs that cultivate engaged, responsible citizens knowledgeable in American history and democracy, who understand their constitutional rights, are familiar with the free enterprise system and entrepreneurship, and who will serve as leaders in their

community.

Congratulations to the following students, recognized at October's Board of Education meeting: Eva Lovett, Longfellow; Zoe Quezada, Carson; Giang Nguyen, Roosevelt; Cole Addison, Franklin; Mikaela Whye, Burling; Niljah Ramon, Delair; Justin Moreno Chavarria, Fine; Nicole Garcia, Phifer Middle School; Mayline Rodriguez, Intermediate School; and Justin Palmieri, Pennsauken High School.



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Pennsauken Board Of Education Recognizes High School Students



Pennsauken High School seniors Mariah Gordian, Peter Huynh, Andy Nguyen, and Tiara Price, seen here with Board of Education members Jennifer Slattery, Leona Moss, and Michael Hurley, respectively, were recently recognized as students of the month.

The Pennsauken Board of Education recently recognized seniors Mariah Gordian, Peter Huynh, Andy Nguyen, and Tiara Price from Pennsauken High School as students of the month.

Mariah has a GPA of 4.125; is a member of the National Honor Society, Latin Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars; and serves as the student government class president. She is considering Rowan University, Univer-

sity of Pennsylvania, Drexel University, and Temple University and plans to major in biology.

Peter has a GPA of 3.75 and is a member of the National Honor Society, the French Honor Society, and serves as Asian Student Association president. He plays on the boys volleyball team and has been a student government class officer for all four years at PHS. Peter is applying to Rutgers, New Brunswick;

University of Delaware; Temple; The College of New Jersey; and Penn State; he plans to major in computer science and information systems.

Andy has a GPA of 3.71 and is a member of the boys varsity soccer team, athletic honor roll, Asian Student Association, and National Honor Society; he also serves as vice president of Pride. Temple University, Rutgers University, University of Pennsylvania, and John Hopkins University are the colleges in which Andy is considering to attend next year. Andy plans to major in either biology or pre-med.

Tiara has a GPA of 3.84 and is a member of the Spanish Honors Society, the lacrosse team, and Art Club; she also serves as vice president of activities in the student government. In addition, she volunteers at Lourdes Hospital. Tiara would like to attend any of the following colleges: Thomas Jefferson University, Centenary College, Montclair State University, Caldwell University, Rowan College at Burlington County, or The Art Institute of Philadelphia. She wants to major in architecture or fashion design.

Congratulations to these great students!

Baldwin Students Welcome New "Pet" To Class



Ms. Parker's pre-k class at Baldwin welcomed a new "pet" to school. The students named him "Seymour, the Venus Fly Trap." Seen here, one of the students feeds Seymour a slug that the class hunted for outside.

Double Dozen Performs Tribute To The Sixties



PHS Double Dozen and Pennsauken Stages present, "A Tribute to the Sixties." Held on Thursday, Nov. 2, 7:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken High School auditorium, 800 Hylton Rd., come hear your favorite songs from the swingin' sixties! Tickets are just \$5 per person and will be sold at the door. Proceeds support the choral and stage programs at Pennsauken High School.

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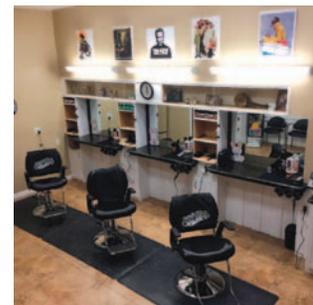
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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**A Fall Filled With Success At Pennsauken Schools**

By Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi,
MEd², M.S., M.B.S., Ed.D.
Superintendent,
Pennsauken Public Schools

As we begin a new November in the 2017-18 school year, I would like to first thank the teachers and students for their hard work during the first two months of school. I understand that teachers are the backbone of our district and I am especially grateful for their diligence. Students, as school work gets harder, please remember the words of Philip Stanhope, "Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well." I know that each and every one of you can rise to the occasion and meet with success.

We have great news: Pennsauken Public Schools have been chosen to host the Air Force Junior ROTC program starting in January of 2018. This means we will have two new instructors from the United States Air Force in our building every day of the school year. This is a great opportunity for our students and their futures. Pennsauken Public Schools is honored to have this program.

Pennsauken High School

The high school has been running efficiently and proficiently since the first day of school. I would like to thank our principal, Mr. Munford, and our vice principals, Ms. Steer, and Mrs. Turner, for a job well done.

Since the official ribbon cutting in September, our vocational programs have been the envy of other districts. A special

thanks to Jason Wilson, Belinda Baker, John Warwick, and Jibril Smitherman for all of their hard work.

I'd also like to congratulate the Pennsauken Marching Band on their impressive accomplishments during their ongoing season of competition. While the show may be called "Equality," there is no equal when it comes to our talented students.

In addition, our athletic programs have run very competently and meticulously thanks to the hard work of our athletic director, Mr. Mossop, and our many talented coaches. You can find the upcoming athletic schedule on the District's web site, Pennsauken.net. I strongly encourage our community to come out and support our "Code Red" sports teams!

Middle School And Intermediate School

The students at our middle and intermediate schools have grown collectively in mathematics, language arts, science, social studies, and related arts. The middle school principal, Mr. Honeyman, and the Intermediate School principal, Mr. Bonkowski, are working together vigorously at our Park Ave. campus to offer students the most competitive education possible. Their collaboration has enabled parents and teachers to work together as stakeholders in each student's education.

I'd also like to thank the faculty and students at the Park Avenue Campus for leading the way when it comes to giving

back. The donations collected for the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico were impressive, but not surprising. Pennsauken is a community that helps those in need, whether next door or thousands of miles away. I would also like to extend a special "thank you" to all of the members of our community who gave a donation during this collection drive.

Elementary Schools

Our elementary schools have run very efficiently since the beginning of the semester. Students have grown both socially and academically to date; and just as importantly, are having fun in our schools. Mrs. Harmon, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Joyce, Mr. Harris and Mr. Lewis have done commendable jobs as building principals. In addition, our vice principals, Mrs. Gery and Mrs. Massey, have done a commendable job as building administrators in Longfellow and Roosevelt, respectively, providing the leadership needed in those buildings.

Spend Time With The Super

Please join me each month for "Coffee and Questions with the Superintendent," which takes place on Tuesdays before Board of Education meetings, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Central Administration, 1695 Hylton Rd. During this time, parents and residents can see me directly for an informal meeting and ask questions regarding any topic within the school district.

Franklin Second Graders Have Day Out At Duffield's Farm Market

By Brittney Morrow

Last month, the second-grade classes at Benjamin Franklin Elementary took a field trip to Duffield's Farm Market. Students were filled with excitement the whole bus ride there and turned to their room parents with anticipation on their faces. Upon arrival, second graders split off into their pre-assigned groups with each room parent.

The first activity was the hayride and pumpkin picking. Students watched with wide eyes as they passed all of the fresh vegetables on the hayride. They saw corn, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, broccoli, and more. Once they got to the pumpkin patch, the race was on to find the biggest pumpkin they could take home. Smiles warmed the children's faces on the hayride back as they happily hugged their very own pumpkins.

After the hayride, groups got to choose where they went for the rest of the day. They had the options to go in the corn maze, walk through the hay bales maze, visit the interactive learning center, or feed the live animals on the farm. The favorite seemed to be the hay

bales maze, where the students climbed the hay bales and chased their friends through the paths. Boarding the bus home, students were tired but happy. The Duffield's pumpkin picking adventure was over, but the students will remember the fun they had for years to come.



Second graders at Franklin Elementary enjoyed a field trip to Duffield's Farm Market.

Pennsauken Middle School Collects Donations For Hurricane Victims

The students and staff of Howard M. Phifer Middle School collected items for Puerto Rico Strong, an organization assisting residents dealing with Hurricane Maria's aftermath. For the full story, visit AllAroundPennsauken.com.

Learning Engineering Skills At Roosevelt

Third and fourth graders at Roosevelt are learning important engineering skills through unique projects, like designing bubble mixtures and creating objects with neutral buoyancy that will float in the middle of the bubbles.

Science lab students in third and fourth grade at Roosevelt Elementary School have been improving their engineering skills through the design process.

Given specific criteria and constraints, the third graders have created objects with neutral buoyancy that don't float or sink but hang somewhere in the middle; they've also constructed tools to build cup towers without touching the cups.

Fourth graders have experimented to find the best bubble mixture and de-

signed small cars that run on wind power.

Research shows that by instilling a curiosity for science and engineering at an early age, that interest stays with students into high school, increasing the likelihood that these talented young people will consider a career in the sciences in the future. In addition, the analytical and problem-solving skills they learn today will help them in other subjects in their academic careers.

Board of Education Meeting

The Pennsauken Township Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Office, 1695 Hylton Rd., Pennsauken, N.J. 08110. The public is invited to attend.

Prior to the meeting at the Administrative Office, Dr. Tarchichi will hold the monthly "Coffee and Conversation with the Superintendent" from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. During this time, parents or residents can come and ask questions regarding any topic within the school district.



By the Pennsauken Board of Education: Nick Perry, President; Allyson Meloni-Scavuzzo, Vice President; Cheryl Duffy; Michael Hurley; Diane Johnson; Leona Moss; Jennifer Slattery; Orlando Viera; and JoAnn Young

Each month, boards of education throughout the state of New Jersey hold public meetings. Public meetings are a crucial part of our constitutional republic. They provide an opportunity for citizens to share their views on a variety of topics. In the case of board of education meetings, the business conducted is related to school matters. Given that approximately 30 percent of school

A Guide To Public Board Of Education Meetings

funding for Pennsauken School District comes from municipal taxes, which are collected from residents, it is important for each and every community member to have an avenue to voice their opinions regarding their schools.

Though the Pennsauken Board of Education values the input of residents, it is important to understand the monthly board meetings have a specific purpose and structure. Our meetings are held with the explicit purpose of conducting business related to the School District. In order to accomplish our task, like other governing bodies, the Pennsauken Board of Education follows the guidelines set by "Robert's Rules of Order," which is the most commonly-used guide for parliamentary procedures in the United States. This manual delineates how meetings should be run including the making of motions, rules for

voting on and debating business items listed on the agenda and the guidelines for public participation and comment.

In accordance with Robert's Rules, it is during the public portion of the monthly business meeting that the Pennsauken Board of Education gives citizens the opportunity to share their views and comments on school-related matters. During each public meeting, there are two opportunities for the public to comment. One of these opportunities is at the beginning of the meeting. This public comment session is restricted to agenda items only. This means that "anyone with an interest in the functions or duties of the board" is permitted to share their comments but the comments must be regarding a matter that is listed on the agenda. At the end of the meeting, there is a second opportunity for public comment. This public comment session is not

restricted to items on the agenda. In other words, members of the public can discuss any topic related to the schools.

Public comment sessions are an important part of any board meeting. They give every citizen the opportunity to address concerns or give comments pertaining to the Pennsauken School District. The Board of Education strongly believes in the right to public comment. However, it should be understood that public comment is not a question and answer session with the Board of Education, superintendent, business administrator, any other school district official or our board attorney. It is simply an opportunity for residents to express their views. The Board of Education is not involved in the daily operations of the school district. Therefore, questions concerning the school district's daily operations should always be directed to

school officials during regular business hours in order to receive prompt and appropriate answers.

The Pennsauken of Education "always welcomes and solicits input from the public," as we clearly state on each agenda. It is crucial to the success of the School District to have the input of the stakeholders from the community. The Pennsauken Board of Education meets every third Tuesday of the month. We welcome all citizens to join us for a meeting!

Board Bit Of The Month

"Robert's Rules of Order" was first published in 1876 by Henry Martyn Robert, a US Army major, to provide guidance to newly established non-legislative bodies. The Pennsauken Board of Education has been using Robert's Rules since it was formed over 50 years ago.

Apache Marching Band Off To Award-Winning Start

The Apache Marching Band continues to excel in competition! These talented students tied for first place at the Tournament of Bands in Clearview, winning honors for best visual/color guard and best drum line. One week later, the marching band went on to finish first at Met Life stadium, winning all of the sectional awards at the competition; they also had a strong second place showing at the Deptford Tournament of Bands,

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The Apache Marching Band continues to excel, coming in either first or second place at various competitions.



Talented Kindergarten Writers At Carson

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Students Saddle Up And Read During Longfellow's Book Fair

Yee-haw! Longfellow's fall book fair was an evening full of fun things! Parents and students alike enjoyed purchasing great books, playing games, and participating in raffle giveaways! The Longfellow PTA made it extra fun by encouraging students to dress up like cowboys and cowgirls! It was an excellent way to encourage literacy and invite parents to share in special experiences with their children.

A big thank you to the PTA for organizing such an amazing evening and to the Longfellow Lion families for all of their support!

In the famous words of Dr. Seuss: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!"



Longfellow took a trip back to the wild, wild west during the school's fall book fair.

Delair Students Learn About Engineering And Technology

Students in Mrs. Coyne's class at Delair Elementary completed airplane projects as a part of their first lesson on engineering and technology. Students were instructed to "Design it! Build it! Test it! And improve it!" Mrs. Coyne allowed students to test out their designs in an empty hallway and the results were amazing! Some had success; other engineers had to go back to improve their plan.

All students were engaged and applying their 21st century skills of creativity, innovation, critical thinking, and problem solving.

Keep on flying high Mrs. Coyne's class!



Students in Mrs. Coyne's class at Delair Elementary completed airplane projects as a part of a lesson on engineering and technology.

Carson Pre-K Students Start Their Love Of Learning

Mrs. Fidyk's pre-k class at Carson has had a great start to the new school year! They spent September learning the names of their new friends, playing in centers during choice time, and listening to stories. Students also listened to James Dean and Eric Litwin's, "Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes" during the first week of school. Pete the Cat has quickly become a class favorite!

Students in Mrs. Fidyk's pre-k class love listening to Pete the Cat!



Carson Second Graders Enjoy New Magazine Subscription



Second grade students at Carson Elementary School are enjoying their new subscription to Time Magazine for Kids. The class recently read "The High-Tech Classroom," learning about cutting edge technology for students.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

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Thursday, Nov. 2	"Tribute to the Sixties" performance, Pennsauken High School, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 9	Schools Closed – Fall Break
Friday, Nov. 10	Schools Closed – Fall Break
Thursday, Nov. 16	Phifer Middle School Parent Involvement Night, 5:45 p.m. Pre-K – Grade 12 Evening Conferences, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 20	Early Dismissal
Tuesday, Nov. 21	Early Dismissal Board of Education Meeting, Administration Building, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 22	Early Dismissal
Thursday, Nov. 23	Schools Closed – Thanksgiving Break
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sult of "insulin resistance," where the body's cells fail to respond to insulin.

Type 2 diabetes is preventable through healthy lifestyle changes. The following are some tips to reduce your risk of getting the disease.

Healthy Eating Is Important

Changes in diet are a way to significantly reduce your risk of type 2 diabetes. Losing weight is key; according to Linda B. White, M.D., a prominent author and writer on health issues, every 2.2 pounds of weight loss reduces an individual's diabetes risk by 16 percent.

To further reduce your risk, be sure to eat plenty of fruits and vegetables. It's also important to avoid foods that are rich in trans fat, saturated fat, and sugar.

Drinking water can help as well. Sugar-sweetened beverages are directly connected with obesity and diabetes; cutting them out of your diet can make you less susceptible to the disease.

A Little Exercise Goes A Long Way

Exercise, even if it's a brisk walk a couple times a week, helps a body's cells become more sensitive to insulin. Getting off the couch and just being more active goes a long way to reducing your risk.



Stress Less And Sleep More

The amount of stress and sleep a person gets can be contributing factors in developing type 2 diabetes. The hormones released in the body during

stressful situations can increase blood sugar; and a lack of sleep can lead to obesity and diabetes. Suggested ways to combat stress include exercise, getting support from family and friends, and calming activities such as meditation. As for sleep, make a concerted effort to have an earlier bed time, create a more relaxing bedroom environment, and cut out caffeine later in the day to make sure you can get at least seven hours or so of rest.

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By Bob Fisher-Hughes,
Pennsauken Historical Society

The harvest done, the feed gathered in, the firewood stacked, and the cool air of November sweeping the farm, our colonial forebears' lives assumed a different pace. Celebration of the successful completion of a year's work and family life, and thoughts and plans for the year to ensue, then had their season. The same could be said of generations that followed, until our modern lives at last evolved away from the cycles of the land and its seasons. At Griffith Morgan House and Burrough-Dover House, we look back and celebrate the rhythms by which our ancestors lived, even as we wind down the year of history here in our 125-year-old township.

Planning for the coming year begins in November, as both historic homes offer a special welcome for our First Sunday to those who want to become involved in history in 2018. On Sunday, Nov. 5, a special day of welcome and orientation will be given to any who are curious and interested in our mission of local history. Visitors can learn about giving tours, doing research, maintaining historic buildings, and serving their local communities by preserving its memory. Both the Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House were saved by community volunteers; and the tradition of home-grown history continues with



your help as a volunteer! Come visit us on Sunday, Nov. 5, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. to get started!

Saturday, Nov. 18 continues our tradition of the dual themes of the season. Life in the colonial home as winter approaches is the theme of at historic Griffith Morgan House's "Frost on the Pumpkin" event from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Here, the warm fire of the hearth will prepare savory seasonal foods and home-baked goods and refreshments entice, while other domestic chores and pastimes bring the household and friends together in preparation for the frost and snow. Meanwhile, the "Holiday Open House" at Burrough-Dover House from noon to 4:00 p.m., opens the season of holiday warmth with historical cheer! Harking back to the 19th century when the Dover family occupied the old home, the trimmings of the holiday season with tree and greens and candles, warming refreshments, holiday music, and more bring friends and family mer-

rily back to the traditions of the festive time of year!

Griffith Morgan House is located at 243 Griffith Morgan Lane, off River Rd. between Delair and Route 73. Burrough-Dover House is located at 9201 Burrough-Dover Lane, off Haddonfield Rd. near the Wyndam Rd. traffic light. At both our Pennsauken homes for history, admission and tours are free and there is also plenty of free parking available. In addition, both Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House are also open for tours and research by appointment throughout the year.

Visit the Griffith Morgan House and Pennsauken Historical Society pages, or the group, "Pennsauken History Forum," on Facebook for more details and directions; or call (856) 486-9561 and leave a message or e-mail to pennsaukenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. Be sure to contact Pennsauken Historical Society or Griffith Morgan Committee about volunteer opportunities; you too can make history!

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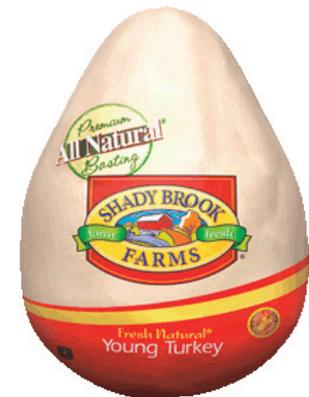
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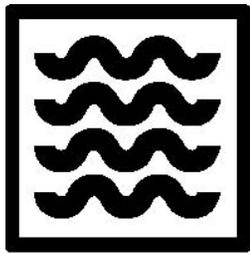


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MPWC WATERLINES

New Jersey Water Quality Accountability

By Richard Spafford, P.E.
Director of Engineering, MPWC

The American Society of Civil Engineers has graded American infrastructure with a grade of a D. While the MPWC has been very proactive about upgrading and replacing our infrastructure, not all of the utilities in New Jersey or the rest of the United States have taken infrastructure replacement so seriously.

Recent news articles involving both public and private water utilities' failure to maintain their systems or adequately treat their water supply have prompted New Jersey to pass laws meant to force purveyors to invest in and maintain their water systems. The legislation is called the Water Quality Accountability Act (WQAA); it was unanimously passed by the New Jersey House of Representatives and Senate in July of 2017.

There are four main physical elements of the plan. The first area covered is valves and valve maintenance. Each water system has valves to control water flow and isolate mains in the event of an issue. The WQAA requires that all valves 12" and over be exercised every two years and all other valves be exercised at least every four years. Exercising valves, which is the process of opening and closing the valves to make sure they are okay and performing maintenance when required, makes sure

the valves are not seized and are operable when needed. MPWC has a valve exercising system in place where we evaluate and exercise all valves. In order to comply with the new law, MPWC will exercise between 500 and 800 valves per year.

All valves also need to be located using GPS software and entered into a geographic information system (GIS). The MPWC has just completed our GIS, which shows the location of every curb stop, valve, hydrant, and main. We are in the process of bringing this system live so our personnel can use the GIS in the field.

The second area covered is infrastructure investment. All utilities

must prepare an asset management plan for their wells, tanks, treatment facilities, water mains, and valves. The MPWC has already prepared plans for our system. The WQAA requires that water mains are replaced at a rate of almost one percent per year. As you have probably seen around our service area, the MPWC has identified mains that have reached the end of their useful lives and replaced them as necessary. As time goes on and the system ages, we will naturally replace more of our 220 miles of pipe to continue to comply and best serve our customers.

Fire hydrants are also covered under the WQAA. All hydrants must be marked, inspected and

tested annually. A flushing plan must be developed for the system. The MPWC already has a flushing plan in place. Flushing removes sediment from water mains and is a necessary practice to maintain water quality. The MPWC's plan has been modified to include every hydrant, every year. We are currently in the process of creating hydrant markers for each of our hydrants.

The last component of the Act is cyber risk management. A plan must be in place to protect the controls of each of our water plants. Firewalls and system controls are in place to protect our computer systems. As computers are an ever-

changing landscape, we will continue to upgrade our security requirements using intrusion detection and vulnerability testing.

The MPWC has actively maintained our system and already does many of the Act requirements. Because of our proactive approach, we are positioned better than most utilities to meet the requirements outlined above. As with any new legislation, there will be necessary changes we will need to make in order to comply. The MPWC has always strived to bring you the best quality water at the best possible price. We will continue to do just that as we move forward under this new legislation.

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Hundreds Attend Fourth Pennsauken Job Fair continued from page 1

added Cardwell. "We're excited that this event created a positive reaction from both job seekers and local businesses."

"The Pennsauken Job Fair is one of our favorite events," says Kathy Tracy from Accu Staffing Services in Pennsauken. "Not only are the people local, but we get a lot of traffic. We also get to market with the other vendors as well and work hand in hand with them. We've put a lot of people to work at this event over the years."

Momentum built up for the job fair weeks before the event, as almost 100 people uploaded their résumés in advance, looking for positions in everything from administration to warehousing.

"It's an even better mix of businesses than last year," says Pennsauken resident Jennifer Eckel, who was looking to find a customer service position. "Honestly, I feel that something good will come out of this"

The planners of the Pennsauken Job Fair wished to thank the following companies for their participation in October's event: Accu Staffing Services, AHS Consultants, Barry Callebaut, Bayada Home Health Care, the Board of Education for Pennsauken Township, Chelton House, Chick-Fil-A, Lincoln Heritage, Microcision, Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission, New York Life Insurance Company, OPEX Corporation,

Panera Bread, Pepsi, the Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce, Protocall Staffing, Republic Bank, Restaurant Depot, Rhema Fellowship Intl. Ministries, Safety Bus, Simmons Food, Source4Teachers, Tri-Care Medical Transportation, and Tupperware.

"We're pleased to have so many great companies represented here at our job fair," said Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride, who addressed the crowd just before the start of the event, thanking attendees, the Township's Economic Development Department, the many volunteers helping during the job fair, and the congregation at Living Faith Christian Center.

"There are a lot of good things coming out of Pennsauken, including this wonderful church, this beautiful venue, and

the generosity, kindness, and grace of our hosts, Living Faith Christian Center."

"We're excited again to partner with the Township of Pennsauken," added Pastor Connie McLean of Living Faith Christian Center, who went on to open the proceedings with an invocation. "We pray that those looking for jobs would be just perfect for those seeking employees."

Job seekers that were unable to attend the event are still able to upload their résumés for the new electronic Pennsauken Job Bank. By visiting www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/pennsauken-job-fair-2017, individuals searching for work in Pennsauken can be added to the list that the Township's Department of Economic Development will be sharing with local companies looking to add new hires.



Over two dozen local businesses participated in the fourth annual Pennsauken Job Fair. Companies stated that they found many quality candidates during the event.

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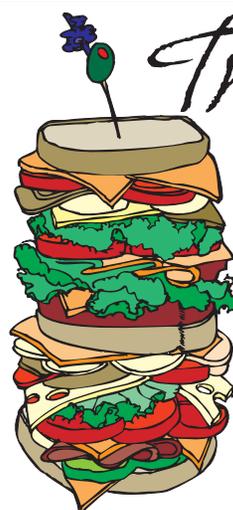
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- Health Insurance Marketplace Special Enrollment – Fridays, Nov. 3 & 17; 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Throughout the year, appointments are available for those who would like to investigate their eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP, or for those who have had qualifying changes to their health insurance (such as losing your job, getting married, having a baby or

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- Friends of the Library Meeting – Wednesday, Nov. 8; 7:00-8:30 p.m. You are welcome to join us for a business and planning meeting.
- Munch and a Movie – Tuesday, Nov. 14; 12:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy a FREE movie and snack, courtesy of The Friends of the Library. For this month's movie selection please call the Library at (856) 665-5959.
- Holiday Floral Decorations – Thursday, Nov. 16th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Come make floral arrangements for the holidays. Supplies provided. Please sign-up at the Reference Desk.
- Library Board Meeting - Monday, Nov. 27; 6:00 p.m. The governing body for the Pennsauken Library. The Board meets to review current issues, budget, policies, and staffing. The community is encouraged to attend these meetings.
- Free Vision Screening – Tuesday, Nov. 28; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Sponsored by the

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- Tail Waggin' Tutors – Fridays, Nov. 3 & 17, Wednesday, Nov. 8, and Monday, Nov. 20; 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Children six years and older will read to therapy dogs from Therapy Dogs International

in a relaxed and "dog-friendly" atmosphere. Teens and adults are welcome! Please register at the Children's Desk for this program.

- Pajama Storytime – Tuesday, Nov. 21; 7:00 p.m. Join Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina for night-time storytime fun – and feel free to wear your favorite pajamas! For ages 0-8.
- LEGO Club. – Thursdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, & 30; 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. You bring the creativity and imagination and we supply

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- Toddler Movement – Saturday, Nov. 4 & 18; 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Join Miss Sabrina and Miss Susan for a fun and active time of music, guided movements, and dance. For ages 3-5.
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Tail Waggin' Tutors will be available on select days from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Check the Library's calendar on this page for more details. To sign up for your 15-minute time slot, register in-person at the Youth Services Desk with Miss Susan or Miss Sabrina, or call the Youth



Children ages 6 and up are invited to practice their independent reading skills with a furry friend as part of the Pennsauken Free Public Library's Tail Waggin' Tutors program.

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Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride and Merchantville Mayor Ted Brennan will speak at the Woman's Club luncheon on Nov. 15.

guest night and the EMD will be honoring local veterans.

The Woman's Club of Merchantville will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 15, noon, at the Merchantville Community Center. There will be a tea luncheon followed by a meeting. Speakers that day will be Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride and Merchantville Mayor Edward Brennan.

Bunco Luncheon

The Woman's Club of Merchantville

will hold a Bunco Luncheon on Wednesday Nov. 29, noon, at the Merchantville Community Center. Bunco is a no-skill, fun dice game. You do not need to know how to play, as instructions will be included. It is easy to learn. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information, contact Jan at (609) 410-4650 or janwh@aol.com.

The Merchantville Woman's Clubs have been some of the leading service organizations in the region. Women from our community are members committed

to making a difference. Among other things, the Clubs raise money for both local and state charities and scholarships. Members also volunteer at the Food Bank of South Jersey and the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden. Social activities include monthly card and game parties as well as special trips held throughout the year. If you would like to attend a meeting, or for more information, contact For more information, contact Jan at (609) 410-4650 or janwh@aol.com.

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FOODADVENTURES



By Rachael Shugars,
AAP Columnist

WAFFLES! The word brings with it delicious thoughts of pillowy, slightly crunchy, cake-like bliss. If you had the chance to go to the Pennsauken Harvest Festival, then you may have seen this month's latest hot topic, Dan's Waffles, a food truck serving up some of the finest made-to-order bubble and Belgian sugar waffles.

Standing at the ordering window of the bright blue truck, I marveled at the selection – there are over two dozen toppings to choose from – and zeroed in on the bacon, egg and cheese bubble waffle with a sriracha maple syrup drizzle. They also offer regular Belgian waffles for the more traditional waffle eaters out there. I devoured my order using a taco-like tactic and made short work of it. My husband got the unicorn milkshake, which very much lives up to its name with ingredients like a candy rainbow rope, marshmallows, strawberry Pocky sticks, crumbles of Fruity Pebbles, and berry drizzle, all topped off with some seriously tasty whipped cream. Finally, I ordered a bubble waffle for my two year old that was covered in

Pennsauken-Based Food Truck Cooks Up Sweet And Savory Waffles



Pennsauken resident Russel Hover and her husband, Dan, cook up sweet and savory offerings at their food truck, aptly named Dan's Waffles.

berry drizzle, a scoop of vanilla ice cream, and whipped cream. Please note that my son was being an angel that morning so this treat was well deserved.

Pennsauken residents Russel and Dan Hover are the owners and operators of Dan's Waffles. A chef for over 18 years, Dan worked previously for Ritz Seafood in Voorhees. Russel's good friend and helper on the truck, Lily Rafferty, was also there taking orders and serving up dishes.

The truck was a dream that started two years ago; and after a ton of amazing renovations, the truck became a re-

ality. They made their debut at Pennsauken's 125th Birthday Bash and got rave reviews.

You can find "Ritz Seafood & Dan's Waffles" on Facebook to read reviews, find out where they'll be and get a glimpse at some of their dishes, like the mouth-watering caramel apple waffle. For Thanksgiving, Dan's Waffles will be selling their award-winning triple coconut cream pies, which were featured on the Food Network's "The Best Thing I Ever Ate." They are well worth the \$37

price tag and they will even have a set location for a few hours Thanksgiving morning to ensure the freshest pies ever. I had a chance to taste a slice of this decadent treat; all I can say is that if you like coconut, do yourself and your taste buds a favor and get one of these pies.

These Pennsauken natives like to make their rounds, so you can find them at a lot of the upcoming local events. They also love to cater and are planning on running all year round to make your event extra special. What more can you ask for but to

have a Food Network reviewed truck at your next big event? Contact them at (856) 566-6650 or email dan@danswaffles.com. Catch them on Instagram and Twitter at "DANWAFFLES!"

Dan and Russel are just genuine, pleasant folks doing something great to bring a smile to people's faces. I'd say they are doing one heck of a job. Go check them out! And no matter what waffle you get, savory, sweet, with ice cream or without, make sure to enjoy your food adventures!

Online Resources Help Keep Pennsauken Residents Informed

Pennsauken Township's offices are closed for Veterans Day, Nov. 10, but is it a trash holiday? When does the Holiday Parade start? Who do I call if there's a dog loose in my neighborhood? These are just some of the questions residents may have this month. Sometimes, finding the answers are easy. Other times, residents may not know where to go to get the information they need. Fortunately, Pennsauken Township has a variety of online tools available that help residents keep informed.

On The Web

Pennsauken Township's web site, twp.pennsauken.nj.us, has several links that can help point residents in the right direction. At the top of the menu on the left hand side of every page on the Township's web site, there's a "What Department Do I Need?" button. From issues about abandoned/vacant properties to zoning questions, you can find the appropriate phone number to get the an-

swers you need by clicking that link.

At the bottom of that same menu, there's a "Keep Me Informed" button. Clicking that link will take you to an online form to sign up for Pennsauken Township's eNewsletter. Residents will be e-mailed information about community events, holiday schedule changes, and more.

By clicking on the "Contact Us" button, you'll find an online form residents can use to reach out to the Clerk's Office, send an issue about Township roads, contact the Police Department, etc. You'll also find a link containing specific extensions for Township staff.

The Pennsauken Police also have an anonymous tip form on the web site. Visit www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/police/anonymous-tip-form and submit your crime tip without giving any personal information. Your message will be sent directly to detectives in the Pennsauken Police Department.

The Pennsauken School District's site, <http://www.pennsauken.net>, posts a va-

riety of announcements and news items on its main page. The site provides a variety of information, including employment opportunities, parent resources, a list of key district personnel, and more. You can also access the District calendar, which highlights a variety of events.

Social Media

Pennsauken Township has a Facebook page that posts information several times throughout the week and responds to questions from residents. Be sure to visit www.facebook.com/PennsaukenTwp/ and "Like" the page so that updates show up on your newsfeed. The Pennsauken Township Police Department, The Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission, and the Pennsauken School District, also have very active Facebook pages; each posts information on a regular basis.

The Township's Twitter account, @PennsaukenTwp, generally posts information several times each month. The Fire Department, @PennsaukenFire, actively tweets as well.

Reverse 9-1-1

The Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission employs a reverse 9-1-1 notification system, which informs customers about water main breaks, hydrant flushing, etc. The Township also uses the system to provide updates on changes to trash and recycling pick up, snow closures, and more. If you haven't signed up already, visit www.mpwc.com/notify-me/ and complete the form on the page.

So be sure to take advantage of these online resources to get notifications from the Township and stay informed. And for the record, Veterans Day is not a trash holiday; this year's Holiday Parade will be held on Saturday, Nov. 25 at 1:00 p.m.; and the town's animal control officer can be contacted by calling (856) 663-3058.

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Pennsauken Environmental Commission Holds Clean Up At Tippin's Pond



Volunteers and members of the Pennsauken Environmental Commission worked through light rain and a cloudy Saturday to help clean up Tippin's Pond. In addition to the clean up, Pennsauken Township recently made significant repairs to the dock and landscaped the area to make it easier for police to patrol and prevent vandalism.

Bergey's Truck Centers Hold Grand Opening

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Bergey's Truck Center, a premium heavy duty and medium duty truck dealer that's been in existence since 1924, first called Pennsauken home in 2002, purchasing the Horner Mack facility on the other side of Rt. 130; that location is now repurposed as the company's tire center and for used truck sales.

"We outgrew our old space, which is good, and moved into this facility, which is over 50,000 square feet, to expand our operations and support our customer base," explains Bergey.

The brand new truck center offers improved service capabilities, including 21 service bays and state-of-the-art truck service processes and systems. Bergey's facility also features a 15,000 square foot parts warehouse, expanded parking, three different improved waiting areas, and more.

"We've more than doubled our capacity," adds Bergey, who added that there is also additional space along Westfield Ave. that can be used for future expansion. "Plus, our parts area is three times the size of what we had over there. There's more room for parts and servicing trucks."

In addition to allowing Bergey's Truck Center to better serve their customers, the project, which is estimated at around \$3 million in both new equipment and remodeling, also serves as a significant investment in the Pennsauken community.

"Most of our customers are here and Pennsauken is a good community to be in," says Bergey. "We've been in town for 15 years; when this property became

available, it just seemed like a natural fit."

"Businesses can always look at the attributes of Pennsauken for location and accessibility," adds McBride. "This type of growth shows that the business community values what Pennsauken offers; they're looking at our town before going anywhere else."

For more information, visit BergeysTruckCenters.com.

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PUBLICWORKS A New Recycling Initiative, Benefiting The Environment And Pennsauken

By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,
Department of Public Works

The Camden County Division of Environmental Affairs has embarked on a new initiative to expand the recycling efforts of all towns in Camden County. Pennsauken Township has already begun outreach initiatives to businesses and is looking to expand to religious institutions, schools, and our residents.

Each year, an annual "recycling tonnage report" is compiled by Anthony Ferruzzi, the Township's recycling coordinator and the Public Works Department superintendent. Waste Man-

agement, the town's Trash collection contractor, provides the tonnage for all of the recyclables picked up from all over town each week from Pennsauken's various neighborhoods. This also includes any "white goods," metal products such as appliances, filing cabinets and scrap metal, as well as yard debris picked up on Wednesdays.

A fair amount of businesses, such as those in our expansive industrial parks, have private recycling collection performed by various contractors and report these figures in to the Public Works office for the annual report.

The first phase of this new initiative is to identify those businesses that do not report these figures annually. There is no cost involved, just a simple e-mail or phone call, passing along the end-of-year tonnage for a particular business or group of businesses with shared recycling collection.

Why the new initiative? Expanding the recycling efforts in Pennsauken will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the environment. I've noticed that my recy-

cles outweigh my trash on occasion from junk mail and my wife's drinking habits... this is just a joke; writing an interesting article about recycling is not easy! We'll see if she still reads this column...

The bottom line: yep, that's right, it comes down to money. Each year, as a result of the Township's recycling tonnage report, Pennsauken receives a recycling grant dollar amount. These funds are used to purchase recycling buckets for new residents, support those that are ex-

panding their recycling efforts, and even for new recycling initiatives around town.

It's a win-win. An increased amount of businesses reporting each year will increase Pennsauken's annual tonnage amount and will subsequently increase the following year's grant amount. That means we can double-down on more efforts via recycling education, expansion of existing programs and get that grant amount even higher! Remember, this grant offsets the need to have our Municipal taxes cover these initiatives.

As a related aside, Pennsauken residents are all too familiar with the bright yellow recycling buckets that the Township hands out. If yours is broken, stop by our complex at 6725 Wayne Ave.; the main gate is on Clement Ave. across from Wawa. Rachael will be glad to assist you. Please bring your damaged one so that we can...you guessed it...recycle it!

I thank all of you for hanging along for this article, as I know it is a bit dry. Keep a look out for the start of the leaf collection season, formally beginning after Nov. 7. We will be posting our weekend routes on both the Township and All Around Pennsauken's Facebook accounts.

On behalf of the staff of Pennsauken's Department of Public Works, I would like to wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving! And as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach us at (856) 663-0178 or publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

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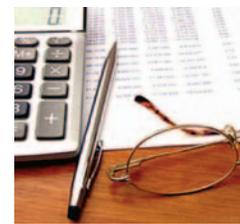
THANKSGIVING, THURSDAY, NOV. 23, IS A "TRASH HOLIDAY."

Trash and recycling pickup regularly scheduled for that day moves to Friday, Nov. 24. Friday's trash and recycling pickup is moved to Saturday, Nov. 25, beginning at 6:00 a.m. trash and recycling pickup prior to Thursday, Nov. 23, as well as yard waste and white goods collection, remains on a regular schedule for that week.

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Pennsauken Events Kick-Off Holidays, Season Of Giving continued from page 1

Opportunities remain to help make the 37th Holiday Parade one to remember. Financial and in-kind donations from area businesses are still being accepted.

In addition, community groups are encouraged to participate in the parade at no cost. No contribution is too small and will go a long way to bringing joy and hope to Pennsauken families during this festive season.

For more information about the Holiday Parade, contact Pennsauken's Parks and Recreation Department at (856) 665-1000, ext. 151. Businesses interested in sponsorship opportunities can e-mail pmac1team@gmail.com.

Tree Lighting Held On November 30

After a highly successful reboot last year, Pennsauken Township's tree lighting ceremony returns on Thursday, Nov. 30, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Township Municipal Complex, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. The evergreen tree outside of the Municipal Building, will be ornately decorated for the holidays; and several food trucks will be on hand for attendees to enjoy something to eat during the event. There will be performances of holiday music and Santa Claus will arrive via fire engine at 6:00 p.m. to light the tree. Residents are encouraged to bring their phones and cameras, as Santa will be available for photos with children after the tree lighting. There is no rain date for this event.

"We invite all of our residents to join us for this popular seasonal event," says McBride. "The Township's tree lighting is a great family event with plenty of festive cheer."

Breakfast With Santa

Another annual tradition is for children to have an opportunity to join Santa Claus for breakfast, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 2 at the PYAA Field House at Park and Elm avenues. There will also be face painting, music, balloon sculpting and gifts. Tickets are \$6 for children and \$9 for adults. The event is sponsored in part by the Pennsauken Education Association.

All tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information, call (856) 665-1000 ext. 151.

Angel Tree Program

Once again, Pennsauken residents and businesses are preparing to pitch in to help children in the community during the holiday season through the Angel Tree program.

Last year, over 50 Pennsauken families were helped through the Angel Tree program; the initiative for 2017 hopes to support the same number of families.

"Each and every year, the Pennsauken community really steps up for the Angel Tree program," says Elwood "Duke" Martz, director of Pennsauken's Parks and Recreation department. "A lot of residents, businesses, and organizations are extremely generous with a variety of donations."

Individuals can purchase a new, unwrapped toy and leave it at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building, Route 130 and Merchantville Ave., from Nov. 27 through 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 18. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.

For more information or to volunteer for the Angel Tree program, contact Pennsauken's Parks and Recreation Department at (856) 665-1000, ext. 151.

Freeholder Board Receives \$400,000 Grant To Combat Opioid Abuse

In 2016, nearly 60,000 Americans lost their lives due to a drug overdose. Most of these deaths were the result of opioid abuse, a crisis affecting communities across the United States. Last month, Camden County received a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to implement a new re-entry program improving treatment support services for inmates with a history of opioid abuse.

The \$400,000 grant will be used to implement the Camden County Opioid Abuse Diversion Program (CCOAD). Freeholder Jonathan Young, liaison to the Department of Public Safety, highlighted the critical need for relief and aid to those struggling with opioid abuse in the county's corrections system.

"The opioid epidemic is a public health crisis in our community and across the country," Young said. "This funding allows us to explore new ways to help those who are already struggling by providing services that will cut down on recidivism and save taxpayers money. We know many inmates come into our facility fighting against a dependency to opioids and now

we can start taking a closer look on reentry and getting them the tools they need to be successful upon release."

According to a 2016 Release Outcome Report of the New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC), more than 10,000 inmates are let out of New Jersey's jails and prisons on an annual basis. It costs more than \$50,000 a year to house an inmate for a year, and New Jersey has a recidivism rate near 31 percent in the first three years of release. Addiction and substance abuse are one of the main drivers of this revolving door in the criminal justice system.

The CCOAD will begin with a comprehensive assessment of the opioid crisis in Camden County. After the completion of the assessment, services will target individuals with a history of abuse and who have come into contact with the criminal justice system. The program will include an ongoing effort to evaluate and analyze the effectiveness of its initiatives. The Walter Rand Institute of Public Affairs at Rutgers University will serve as the project's research partner.

The Department of Justice awarded a total of \$1.1 million to three New Jersey-based opioid abuse programs, including Camden County's. The Department of Justice is awarding a total of \$58.9 million nationwide to address the epidemic as part of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA). The act is the first major piece of federal substance use disorder treatment and recovery legislation in over 40 years.

"The Freeholder Board is committed to leading the charge against opioid use and drug addiction and creating a model reentry system," Young explained. "We are working to get help to as many people as possible, and we're striving to make getting that help easier than ever before."

For more information on how Camden County is combating the opioid crisis visit the Addiction Awareness Taskforce online at <http://addictions.camdencounty.com/>. More information is also available at the Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse's website at www.camdencounty.com/service/health-human-services/alcohol-substance-abuse/.

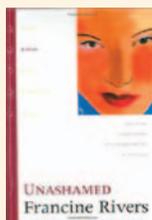
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By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

There's still time to get to the Library's Circulation desk or contact a member of the Friends of the Library to buy tickets for our upcoming raffle, taking place Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 3:00 p.m. You don't have to be present to win, but don't you want to see whose names are picked for each of the six super baskets filled with merchandise and gift cards from local vendors and restaurants? And maybe one of them will be you! Tickets are \$2 each and three for \$5; and each basket is worth more than \$300. Did we mention you'll

have six chances to win one of them?

Book And Tech Sale A Success

Our annual book and tech sale went off without a hitch and we were so grateful for the really massive number of books, DVDs and CDs donated this year. It was our biggest collection in a number of years, and we had to squeeze in several extra tables to accommodate everything! Just judging by the number of customers browsing, buying, and coming back all three days to browse and buy some more, books are still very, very popular! Thank you to everyone who donated and to everyone who came out to

support our cause: the Pennsauken Free Public Library! The bake sale held that weekend was also very successful! Many varieties of brownies, cakes, cookies, and cupcakes crowded onto our tables and eventually made their way home with library patrons. Again, thanks to everyone who bought all the goodies and to those who baked and helped us fill the tables.

Munch And A Movie Held On November 14

Our Munch and a Movie resumes on Tuesday, Nov. 14 in the Community Room from 12:30-3:00 p.m. It remains one of our most popular events each

month! October's movie was "Water for Elephants;" we haven't decided what's coming up for November, but it'll be fun or dramatic or scary or some combination of those. So pack a lunch, grab a friend, and come over for a nice little getaway on us. We'll have beverages and snacks for everyone, too.

Vision Screening On November 28

The final vision screening session for this year takes place Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Bring your glasses in for some tidy repairs and any questions you

might have for the opticians from America's Best Eyeglasses and Contacts to answer. Enter your name at the Reference Desk and you might just win a free eye exam or pair of glasses, compliments of America's Best.

Next month, we'll tell you about a stress management session, another cookie sale just in time for the holidays, and a few other treats we have in store! Be sure to join us at our next Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room. We'll look for you!

Pennsauken Lions Celebrate Diamond Jubilee



By Mary Anne McFarland, Pennsauken Lions Club

Over 75 years, the Pennsauken Lions Club has provided for the under-privileged, held shopping sprees for blind children, and assisted the handicapped with everything from wheelchair ramps to leader dogs. The Lions hold free eye screenings for Pennsauken pre-k and kindergarten classes; cover the costs of summer camp for Scouts unable to afford it; support community events like Pennsauken's Car, Bike, and Craft Show, Harvest Festival, and Holiday Parade; and provide

scholarships to eighth grade and high school graduates. The Lions are celebrating three quarters of a century of service to the community; they hope that their fellow neighbors in both Pennsauken and Merchantville come out and celebrate with them at a very special event.

The Pennsauken Lions' diamond jubilee celebration will be held on Monday, Nov. 27. The event will also honor the Lions Club's 2017 Citizen of the Year, Phil Morgan, current president of the Pennsauken Youth Athletic Activities (P.Y.A.A.).

The event will be held at the P.Y.A.A. Field House, 3501 Elm Ave., beginning at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person

and includes dinner and dessert. The Lions hope that former Lions, Leos, and past citizens of the year will attend to help us celebrate. Attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. by Nov. 17 to pennsaukenlionsclub@gmail.com or by calling (856) 313-7751.

The Lions Club is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who would like to be of service to the Pennsauken Community. Anyone interested should contact Pennsaukenlionsclub@gmail.com.

For a timeline of how the Pennsauken Lions have supported the community over the years, visit AllAroundPennsauken.com.



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Wedding Announcement: Nguyen – Orio

Carie Nguyen and Victor Orio were married on September 30, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church in Merchantville N.J.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thanh Cong Nguyen. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Nicholas Orio Jr., and Ms. Donna M. Orio.

Following a reception at Marco's Catering at the Pennsauken Country Club, the couple left for Ocean City for an extended weekend. The new Mr. and Mrs. Orio have a planned a longer honeymoon at a later date. They live in Pennsauken, N.J.

Want to announce an engagement or wedding? Contact aap@twp.pennsauken.nj.us for more information.



Carie Nguyen and Victor Orio, both of Pennsauken, were married on September 30, 2017. Photo credit: Amy Pacione.

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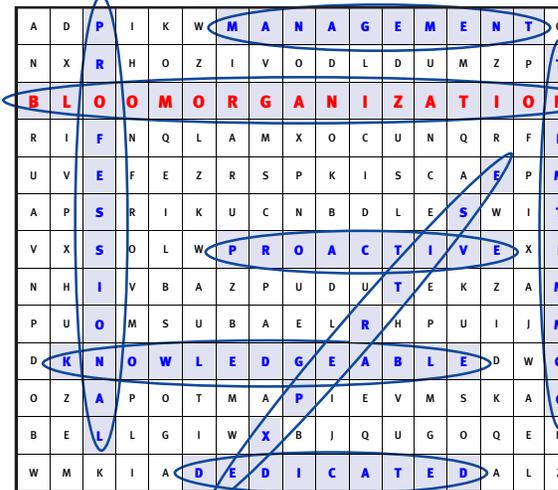
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GOING GREEN Cleaning Furniture To Prepare For The Holidays

By Kathleen Harvey,
AAP Columnist

As we age, aches and pains begin to affect our ability to do everything we once did. As an avid gardener, it's very frustrating to me that I can't dig large holes, haul heavy pots, and spread manure and mulch at the rate I did 30 years ago. Pain affected my ability to prepare my column last month, as I tend to overdo it more times than I should. However, I am back at the keyboard today. While my doctor tries alternative strategies for getting me back on my feet, my attention turns to preparing for the holidays.

A few months ago, I acquired a vintage solid cherry wood dining room set for my guy for Christmas. And yes, he was there to make sure he liked it before I bought it. Furniture manufacturers moved facilities overseas and cheapened the quality of new furniture beginning in the 1990s. I prefer solid wood furniture made in the 1980s or earlier. The newly acquired dining room suite was structurally sound, but cosmetically less than perfect. Why won't children and guests use coasters? Here's my journey of furniture restoration in time for the holidays. First, I removed everything on the fur-

niture, including the chair pads, which are usually screwed onto the wood frame from underneath. I then cleaned all the wood with a good oil-based soap (e.g. Murphy's Oil Soap) mixed with warm water to remove any accumulated dust and dirt. The table and backs of the chairs were sticky from years of spills. It took several batches of warm soapy water to get down to the original finish. The former owner used the dining room chairs as a step stool while re-painting the dining room, so there were also paint splatters to address. Using cotton balls soaked

with rubbing alcohol, I gently rubbed the paint splatters off and washed the furniture down again with soap to remove the alcohol residue. Next, I had to deal with the scuffs, scratches, and water stains. There are a few methods to try, and I wound up using them all. Regardless of the mixture you try, always use a 100 percent white cotton rag; old t-shirts or socks work well. Rub in the direction of the wood grain, never against. In between each cleaning mixture, wash the wood with oil soap to remove cleaning residue.

You can also mix fresh lemon juice

OR white vinegar with boiled linseed oil. Gently rub every surface, concentrating on the scratches and water stains. Deeper scratches may require rubbing with mineral spirits. In this case, use 0000 super fine steel wool to gently rub water stains or scratches. Gouges where the wood is exposed below the finish will require a matching color stain or scratch pen. Be careful here, the objective is to hide scratches, not recolor the entire piece of furniture. Also, I prefer not to sand and refinish the furniture, thus preserving the original finish, and saving lots of time.

Once the scratches and stains were hidden as well as possible, I covered the furniture with a thin coat of linseed oil. You have to let this sit for a day or so, then rub clean with another cotton cloth. If the wood is really dry, additional coats may be necessary. The final step is to use a paste wax with natural ingredients such as bee's wax, not silicone (I learned this from a former employee of Thomasville furniture). It took hours of hard rubbing, but the wood grain is again visible and glowing.

If a buffet or side table with brass handles needs to be cleaned, I use a brass polish and another piece of soft cotton cloth to return the bright finish to the handles.

The dining room suite is now gleaming, almost like new. Almost ready for holiday guests. Next month, I'll talk about recovering those old chair seats with updated material and soft padding. Happy Thanksgiving!



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Sixteen Months, Five Hundred And Four Properties, Zero Cost To The Township



By Tracey Howarth,
Pennsauken Township

Over two years ago, the Pennsauken Township Committee recognized the growing issue of blight throughout the town. Although this issue was not isolated to Pennsauken, the Committee understood that if not addressed quickly and aggressively, the problem would get out of control. Something needed to be done; the solution also had to be self-reliant, as to not cost the residents a financial hardship. From there came the Vacant Property Program, a program built on the foundation of accountability. The Committee is accountable for looking at the big picture and moving quickly to set up the program; the banks are accountable for maintaining the properties; and the program itself is accountable for managing through the process of getting the properties occupied.

The Committee realized that there was not going to be a quick fix, but that the Township needed a program that would give us sustainable long term results. It was quickly realized that before we could move forward, we had to understand what needed to be done to ensure we were well armed and prepared at all levels to take this huge issue to task.

It started with studying and researching all of our legal options, making what

ever changes were necessary to current ordinances in order to achieve our goal. With that we put in place a whole new set of vacant, foreclosed and abandoned property ordinances, all with the intent of holding the banks accountable for their responsibilities and the Township's goal to get these properties occupied.

This program is now the desired model for all of the townships and cities in Camden County. Our results have proven that all the work done to ensure the program's success was well worth the time and effort.

Sixteen months later, here where we are: to date, 504 of our 621 vacant properties have been sold. The Township identified 22 of the worst properties in town and has only six remaining. Sixteen properties were addressed through either rehabilitation or demolition at no cost to the Township or its taxpayers.

This year alone through August 2017, Pennsauken Township has collected \$378,000 in registration fees. Although this number does not completely replace the lost tax revenue from these properties, it does help to cover some of the cost which in the end goes back to the residents in the form of services and programs.

Through this program, the Township has identified 211 additional property maintenance companies. The value of

that is priceless. It's not only realized in an 80 percent reduction of public works resources related to vacant properties, but just in the general maintenance of these properties across the whole town.

The Township positioned a vacant property inspector in April; since then, he has written over 1,900 individual violations, again holding the banks accountable. We've been able to move the measure of accountability forward, putting over 25 properties into the penalty phase of our ordinance. Pennsauken has created a sense of urgency for the banks to address the maintenance issues quicker. If they don't, they'll pay the very steep penalties that come with neglect.

We've changed the town's housing resale inspection process to expedite the turnover of these properties, while continuing to keep the safety, health, and welfare of our residents top of mind. This has been a huge help to bringing more investors and contractors into town. Because of this change, Pennsauken has increased the revenue to the Building Department through the need for additional permits and inspections on the properties that are sold.

Our fire and police departments have also joined the program. Our fire inspectors have added an additional layer of staff to assist in getting more inspections



Before and after: thanks to one of the Township's qualified contractors, this property on Union Ave. has been extensively rehabbed and is being prepared to be placed back on the market.

completed; and our police help keep a close eye on the activity and access to these properties.

We know that even with all these accomplishments, there is still a lot of work to be done here in Pennsauken. We believe in our program, but we know we need to continue to challenge ourselves to evolve and grow as this issue calls for. We are committed to continuing to look in the mirror and challenge ourselves on how we can do better both internally and externally and how we can adjust and change as we work our way through

to the elimination of this problem.

We've started to see more activity on the Township's vacant and abandoned property link, located on the Township website at www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/abandoned-and-vacant-property-initiative. Please use that link so that we can answer all your questions and concerns regarding these properties. Your e-mail goes directly to the vacant and abandoned property department so that we can quickly answer your questions and take fast action on your concerns.

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Polling Locations For November 7 General Election

By Gene Padalino, Township of Pennsauken Clerk

The New Jersey General Election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Below is a list of polling locations for

the upcoming election. Should residents have any questions, please feel free to contact the Clerk's Office at (856) 665-1000 x122 or x124.

Polling Location	Street Address	District #s
Pennsauken Fire Company #2	2215 Merchantville Ave.	1 & 24
Riverview Village Community Center	407 Riverview Rd.	2
Faith Independent Bible Church	7651 Rogers Ave.	3 & 23
Lutheran Senior Residence	5610 Rt. #130	4 & 16
Municipal Court	2400 Bethel Ave.	5
Pennsauken Senior Towers	8001 Maple Ave.	6
Pennsauken Free Public Library	5605 N. Rt. 130	7
Homestead Youth Center	4771 Willow Ave.	8 & 10
St. Mathews United Methodist Church	1665 Derousse Ave.	9 & 14
Temple Lutheran Church	5600 North Route #130	11
Macaro's Catering	6225 Westfield Ave.	12
Masonic Lodge	6926 Park Ave.	13 & 18
Faith Worship Center	550 49th St.	15
Pennsauken United Methodist Church	3541 Pennsylvania Ave.	17
Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Comm.	6751 Westfield Ave.	19
Circle of Hope Church	3800 Marlton Pike	20
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All Around Pennsauken To Highlight Holiday Specials For Small Business Saturday

For the third year in a row, All Around Pennsauken will highlight local deals and specials in both Pennsauken and Merchantville as part of Small Business Saturday. Held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Small Business Saturday encourages shoppers to patronize small "brick and mortar" businesses in their community.

"A lot of businesses in Pennsauken and Merchantville look forward to this time of year to boost sales and end the year on a high note," says Frank Sinatra, editor, All Around Pennsauken. "As a community newspaper, it's important for us to help support the folks that have their businesses here."

Businesses based in Pennsauken and Merchantville are eligible to participate. In order to receive an online listing, the business must have a special offer, sale, etc. that runs on Saturday, Nov. 25. Businesses must provide specific details about the promotion and include important information such as:

- Address of business
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- Contact info for customers

Listings should be e-mailed to aap@twp.pennsauken.nj.us no later than end of day Monday, Nov. 20. All specials will be highlighted on AllAroundPennsauken.com on Friday, Nov. 24.



Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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Registration is open through Dec. 5. Practices begin Nov. 7. For more information, or to register online, visit <http://pyaawrestling.org>.

Two-Week Trial For Girls Wrestling

PYAA Wrestling is a strong supporter of girls who want to take part in this great sport. To help increase participation, PYAA Wrestling is offering a two-week trial period for girls looking to wrestle. The cost for girls ages 4-14 to participate is just \$25 for two weeks. Upon completion of the trial period, if the child wishes to continue to wrestle, parents and guardians are to pay the remaining balance. If not, there's no additional obligation. PYAA has a great group of young lady wrestlers and would love to have more join!

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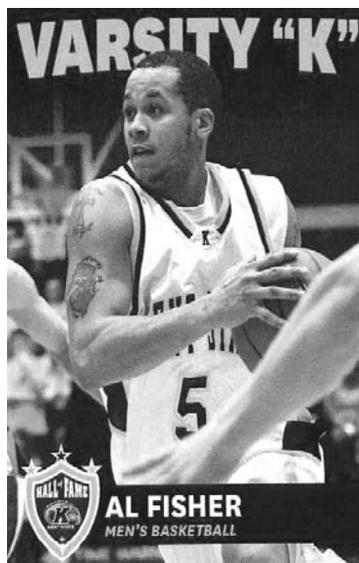
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Al Fisher Inducted Into Kent State Athletics Hall Of Fame

Notable homegrown basketball talent and current coach at Pennsauken High School, Al Fisher was inducted into Kent State's Varsity "K" Athletics Hall of Fame on September 30, 2017.

Fisher earned MAC Player of the Year honors after leading the Flashes to conference regular season and tournament titles in 2008. A two-time first team all-conference selection, he also earned an honorable mention spot on the AP's All-America Team. In just two seasons, Fisher surpassed 1,000 career points and dished out 261 assists.

During his time playing basketball at Pennsauken High School, Fisher averaged 22 points, graduating as the leading scorer in PHS history, a record he still holds to this date. He led the Indians to a 23-5 record and the Central Jersey Group 4 title in 2004. Fisher returned to his alma mater to coach the boys basketball team in 2016.



Pennsauken's Al Fisher was inducted last month into Kent State's Varsity "K" Athletics Hall of Fame.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Pennsauken's Gambardello Inducted Into Division III Hall Of Fame At FDU

Lifelong Pennsauken resident Laura Gambardello, Esq. was recently inducted into the Division III Athletics Hall of Fame at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham Campus, on October 1, 2017.

Gambardello, a member of Pennsauken High School's graduating class of 2005, was recognized for her accomplishments on the FDU women's lacrosse team. Laura is third all-time in FDU women's lacrosse history, with 188 goals; she is fifth with 233 career points; and fourth with 142 draw controls. She also was part of the team that went to the NCAA tournament for the first time in the program's history.

Laura graduated summa cum laude from Fairleigh Dickinson in 2009. After graduation, she earned her Juris Doctor from Rutgers Camden in 2012. She currently works as an assistant public defender for the State of New Jersey.



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THE CLUB CHAMPIONS OF 2017

By Quentin T. Griffith, III
PGA Golf Professional
Pennsauken Country Club

With the completion of the 2017 club championship competitions here at the Pennsauken Country Club, I would like to take a moment to recognize each of our flight champions. The men's club championships were moved from their traditional September spot on the calendar to June, while the women's, senior and super senior club championships were contested in September. The championships conducted are in the men's "championship," "A," "B," "C," and "D" flights; as well as women's, senior (age 60 to 69), and super senior flights (age 70 and older). These events are hosted each year by the Pennsauken Country Club Golf Association (PCCGA). As these club championships bring out the competitive spirit in the many PCCGA members who choose to compete, we congratulate the following 2017 champions and runner-ups in their respective flights:

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Men's Club Champion Runner-up
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Frank Carpenter
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Men's "A" Flight Runner-up
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Jim Cohill, Sr.
Bensalem, Pa

Men's "B" Flight Runner-up
Ron Belle
Pennsauken, N.J.

Men's "C" Flight Champion
Lou Hannon
Blackwood, N.J.

Men's "C" Flight Runner-up
Joe Petruzzi
Pennsauken, N.J.

Men's "D" Flight Champion
Casimir Janczewski
Philadelphia, Pa

Men's "D" Flight Runner-up
Rich Rayca
Philadelphia, Pa

Women's Club Champion
Gwen Dolceamore
Pennsauken, N.J.

Women's Club Champion
Runner-up
Regina Leporati
Cherry Hill, N.J.

Senior Club Champion
Eddie Camm
Philadelphia, Pa

Senior Club Champion Runner-up
Gwen Dolceamore
Pennsauken, N.J.

Super Senior Club Champion
Jim Bisignaro
Pennsauken, N.J.

Super Senior Club Champion
Runner-up
Harry Renwick
Maple Shade, N.J.

Champions and runner-ups will be honored for their achievements at the annual PCCGA Awards Banquet that is scheduled for Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Country Club. Following dinner presented by the staff at Marco's Restaurant and Catering, each flight winner will be presented with their champion's jacket, as well as their personalized plaque; runner-ups will be presented with their personalized plaque.

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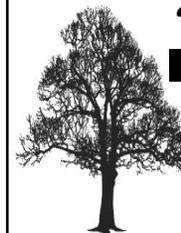
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